

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 remain in the application with claims 1, 2, 6, 9, 14, 15, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 31, and 33 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the specification as containing an informality.

Page 4 has been corrected hereby to refer to the set screws by reference numeral 304.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the drawings.

Figs. 1 and 2 have now been labeled "Prior Art" in the replacement sheet attached hereto.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the objection to the claims as containing informalities. The instances noted by the examiner have been corrected in the amendments made to the claims hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 11, 22, and 33 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

The rejected claims included the phrase "both ends", which as noted by the examiner is indefinite. These claims are reciting the adjustment pin 51 shown in Fig. 22 and in which a tongue 55 is provided. As explained in the specification, the adjustment pin fits into the engagement

hole with the offset portion contacting the front and rear sides of that engagement hole. Claims 11, 22, and 33 have been amended hereby to eliminate the objected to phrase and to recite the actual positioning of the adjustment member in the engagement hole, as shown in Fig. 23, for example.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments made to claims 11, 22, and 33, it is respectfully submitted that those claims are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention and meet all requirements of 35 USC 112.

Notice is respectfully taken of the indication that claims 11, 22, and 33 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejection. It is respectfully submitted that in view of these amendments made hereby, that claims 11, 22, and 33 are now in condition for allowance.

Notice is respectfully taken of the allowance of claims 1-10, 13-21, and 23-32.

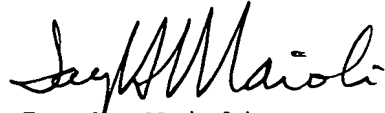
Accordingly, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the centering mechanism employing the adjustment means is clearly and definitely recited in the claims and is therefore now in condition for allowance.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay H. Maioli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and last name "Maioli" being clearly legible.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1 and 2. Specifically, Figs. 1 and 2 have now been labeled with the legend "Prior Art".

Attachment: Replacement sheet
 Annotated sheet showing changes

ANNOTATED SHEET SHOWING CHANGES

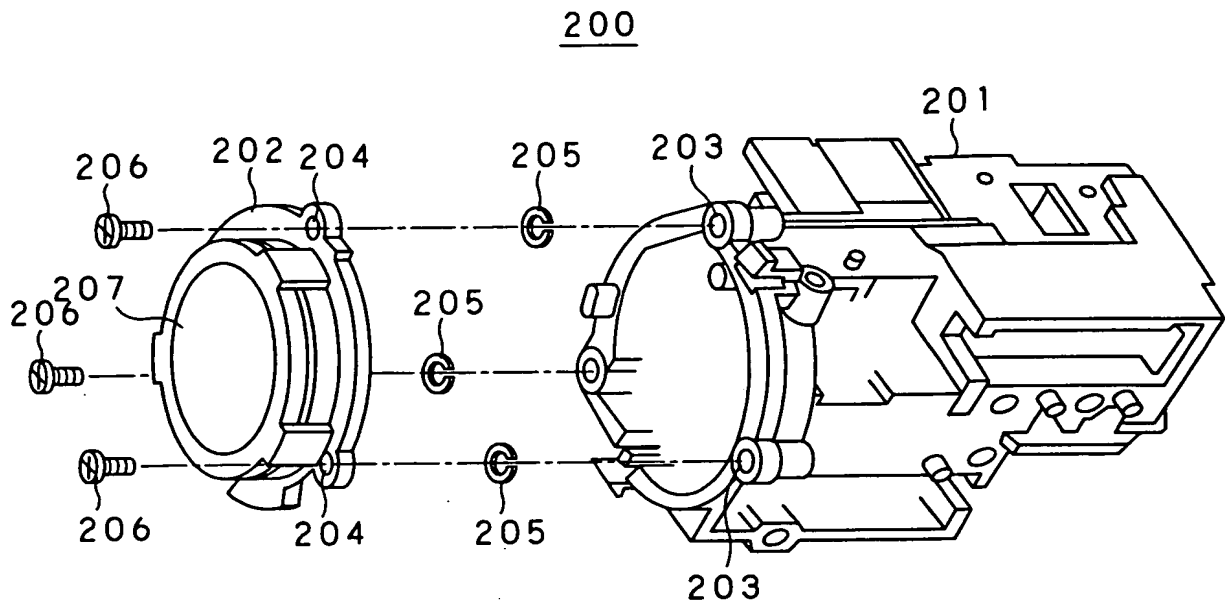


FIG. 1 (Prior Art)

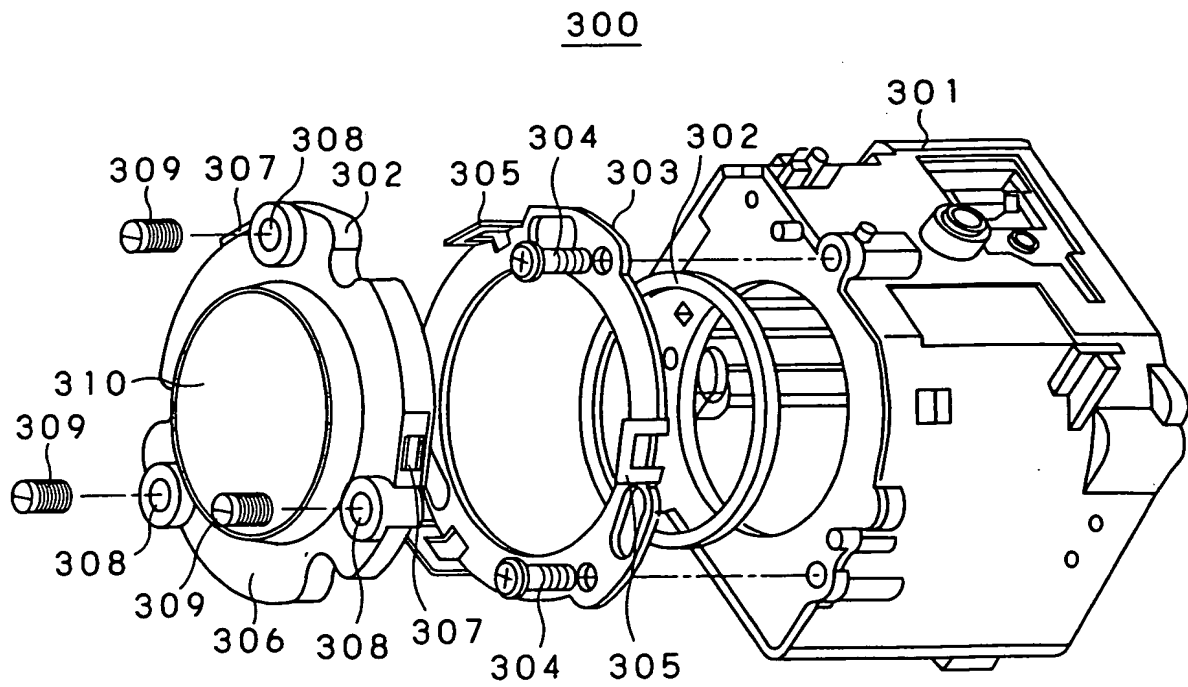


FIG. 2 (Prior Art)